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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/084,985
Filing Date	February 28, 2002
First Named Inventor	Toru NAGARA
Group Art Unit	2828
Examiner Name	NGUYEN, Tuan N.
Attorney Docket Number	450100-03806

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on 10/28/03
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is being filed with an RCE to continue prosecution following the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2003; and to supplement the Amendment filed October 28, 2003 responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 29, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: